



RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES
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**Little North Fork White River
WBID #2454**

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Dear Sir/Ms:

This is to inform you regarding the Use Attainability Analysis that over the years from about 1975 on I have occasionally swum and seen others swimming in the Little North Fork of the White River where Ozark County Rd. 916 crosses it at Thornfield, MO. On this same river I have kayaked and swum in several places down-stream from the old Hammond mill site all the way to Bull Shoals Lake.

Sincerely,



David Lakish

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Dear Sir/Ms,

I have been a resident of Ozark County for over 34 years. I have come to value dearly the quality of our streams here. So it was with considerable distress that I read the article entitled "Ozark County Creek May Be Exempt From Bacteria Standards" in the July 9, 2008 issue of the Ozark County Times.

I have friends who's land in Ozark County is off CR 953 just before the road crosses Little Creek. They go swimming in the creek in the summer as far as 1/2 mile upstream. I swam there last summer, quite a dry summer. From about 1975 to the mid-eighties in the summers, my family occasionally went for a swim in the Little North Fork of the White River at Thornfield, MO just downstream from where Little Creek empties into it. I have seen dozens of people swimming there as that has been one of the main swimming holes around here depending on the gravel deposits in any year. Closer to my home at Longrun my family went swimming/wading/splashing in the Pond Fork

upstream on CR 910. I still often take a dip in the Pond Fork, again depending on the gravel deposits.

If all that weren't enough, I kayak on the Little North Fork downstream from Thornfield near the old Hammond mill site to assorted places on Bull Shoals Lake at all times of the year. And I must say that the requirement for full-body-contact with the water for a stream to be classified "C" is absurd. I think this requirement of the law needs to be changed. It seems to me that if someone dumps ~~untreated~~ or even treated sewage, it would affect all of Bull Shoals Lake. There is already way too much pollution in the lake from cattle pastures, containment lots and faulty septic systems and effluent from Table Rock Lake upstream. With our Karst Topography even our ground water could be affected by this. It is entirely unacceptable to me for anyone to put any foreign matter into any of these bodies of water.

If your organization has anything to do with the way our water protection laws are written, I would like to know. And thanks for alerting us to this potential problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lakish".

David Lakish

